

# Witnesses appeal for Nicaragua

by Chris Cavanagh  
and Melinda Wittstock

Under threat of an impending U.S. invasion of Nicaragua, non-governmental Canadian observers of the November 4 Nicaraguan elections urgently called on Canada to "do everything in its power to prevent the Reagan administration from intervening as it now threatens to, more overtly and directly in Nicaragua," at a press conference Friday in Montréal.

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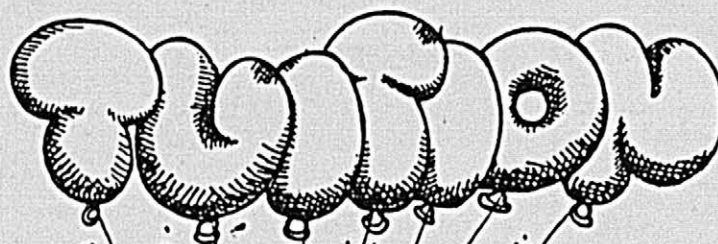
Francine  
Fournier

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by Amy Kaler and  
Peter Kuitenbrouwer  
of Canadian University Press

An increase in tuition fees for university students may be the only way to help Québec's peniless institutes of higher education, say officials at McGill and Concordia universities.

"Students would get a lot more if they paid a little more," said McGill's Vice Principal Planning Edward Stansbury. Tuition fees for Québec students have not changed since 1969.



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# 'Retarded' send back Penthouse

by Catherine Bainbridge  
and Peter Kuitenbrouwer.  
for Canadian University Press

The Federal Government ordered customs officials to stop all deliveries of the December Issue of Penthouse Magazine at the border.

Penthouse's special December Issue contains a 10 page centrespread featuring South East Asian women passively awaiting sodomy, bound with thick rope, from neck to clitoris.

The publisher of Penthouse, Bob Guccione, is accusing Canadian authorities of being in "bondage" to women's groups. He says the photographs are beautifully photographed art and has branded critics of the issue "retarded."

Police in Ontario, Northern Alberta and Calgary are recalling copies of the issue still on the stands. In Toronto police, instructed by Ontario's Attorney General will lay obscenity charges against the Toronto distributor of Penthouse Magazine.

According to Constable Poxon, Public Relations Officer for the MUC police, Montreal police are also considering prosecution of Benjamin News, the Montréal distributor of Penthouse Magazine.

Jim Benjamin, president of the company believes the charges are unjustified. He says such action is typical of an over legislated society, "We live in a world of triple jeopardy. If it is not Ottawa it is the MUC, if not them it is the QPP (Québec Provincial Police) or the RCMP," he said.

"I hope nothing happens to us. But don't the police always do what they want?"

Fifty people, most of them University students, picketed the Palais de Justice in Montréal Thursday, protesting against the Penthouse issue.

Asked why they chose the Palais for the picket, McGill student Jill Fitzmaurice said it was a symbolic call for a just

society. "What do women with their stomachs tied with rope have to do with a just society?" she said.

Elana Medicoff, the Concordia student who organised the Montréal demonstration said there are laws prohibiting hate literature which attacks Blacks or Jews. "But there are no laws against hate literature against women," she said.

## Engineering absorbs Comp Science

by Mark Smith

McGill's School of Computer Science should be integrated into the Faculty of Engineering and requires a major financial shot in the arm if it is to revive its lagging facilities and reputation.

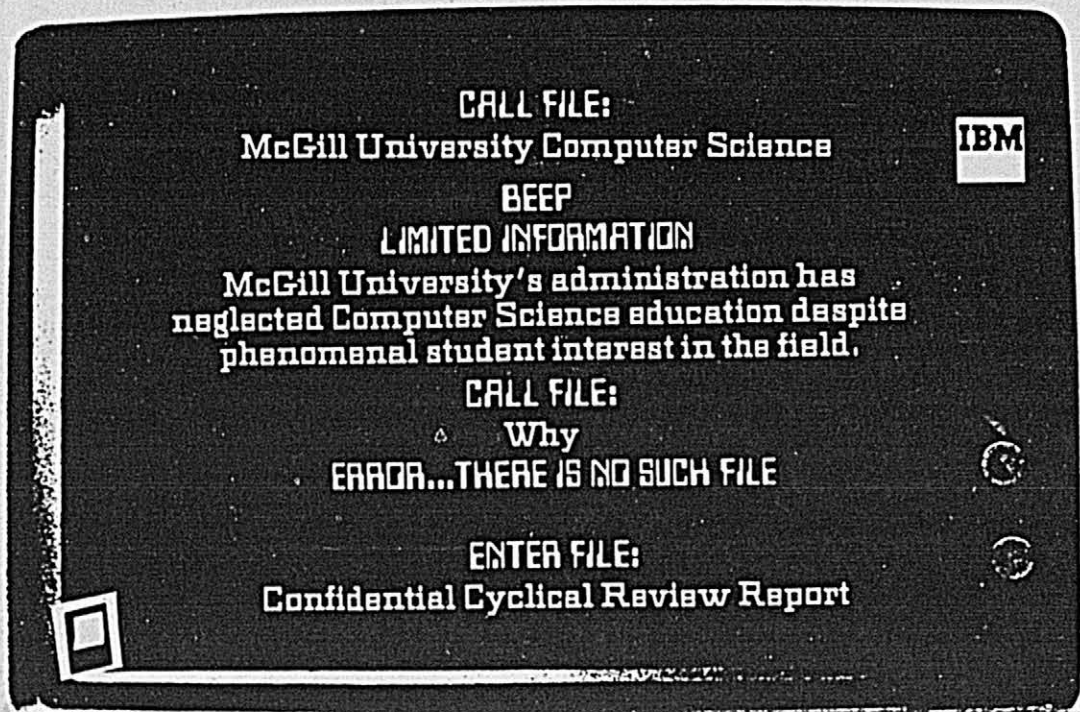
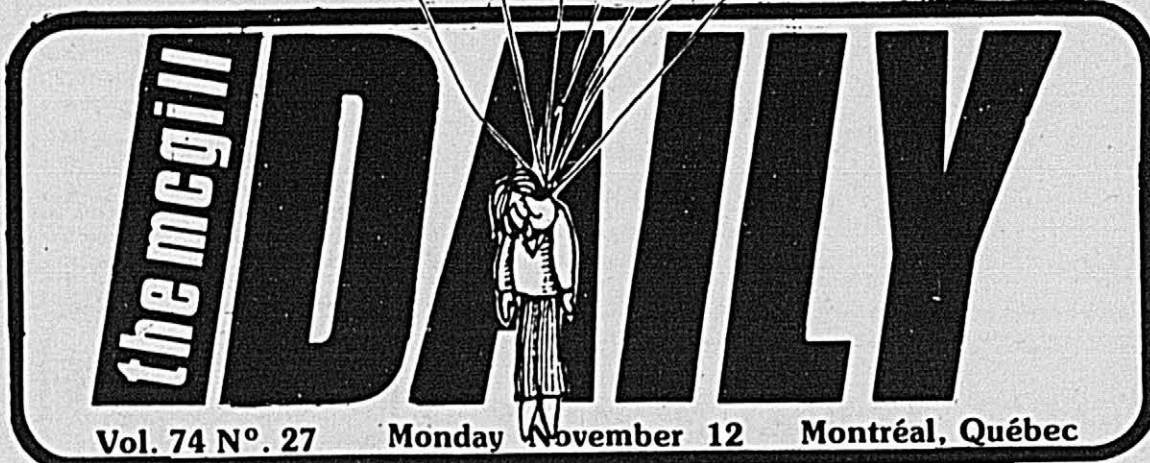
These and other recommendations, passed by the Academic Policy and Planning Committee (APPC) on May 3rd, 1984, were based upon the conclusions of the School's secret Cyclical Review report, completed in February of this year.

The APPC has proposed that "the School of Computer Science become the Department of Computer Science in the Faculty of Engineering, and that the Faculty of Engineering should have sole responsibility for recommending its academic programs and admissions policies."

This proposal did not receive support from the School's director, Professor M. Newborn, who sent a letter to Vice Principal (Academic) Samuel Freedman last spring which said, "the future needs of the school and McGill are best served if we become an independent academic unit reporting directly to the Vice Principal (Academic)."

At present, the Faculty of Engineering is responsible for

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## Administration slammed for neglect of Computer Science Report calls for changes

by Mark Smith

McGill University is hesitantly stepping into the computer age, but years late. The secret Cyclical Review report on the School of Computer Science, leaked to the Daily, blasts the administration for neglecting Computer Science at McGill.

The authors of the Cyclical Review's Majority Report, Professors M. Blostein and R. Redwood, state "the university did not appreciate either the importance of the rapid evolution of computer science, or foresee the explosive growth in student enrolment."

In 1982-83, undergraduate course enrolment in computer science reached a total of 3040 students.

Cyclical review reports are part of the university's ex-

amination of its own faculties overseen by the McGill Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC). Part of the review process involves external evaluation by professors from outside the university.

External evaluators J. Brzozowski of the University of Waterloo and R. Miller of the Georgia Institute of Technology wrote, "McGill University has given low priority to Computer Science in general, and to the

School in particular."

Professor W. Brown from McGill's Department of Mathematics and Statistics went further. "Stripped of euphemisms, the External Evaluators' report must be an embarrassment to a university that aspires to excellence," he wrote in his Minority Report.

"What is required first is a serious decision on the part of the university administration to attempt to reverse the decline in

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 McGill Armenian Students' Association General meeting today. Union building Rm. 425-6 at 15h30. All invited.  
 HP-41C User's Group Registration and Information session. Union Building Room 302, between 13h00 and 15h00  
 Dissolve In Light by Denis Pies: A live performance with animated film. 20h00 in Morrice Hall Theatre, 3485 McTavish. Free.

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# Token reform in South Africa

by Douglas Mason

The decision to grant limited political representation to South Africa's coloureds and Asians while continuing to disenfranchise the majority black population, has focussed international attention on the scope and sincerity of racial reform in South Africa.

At issue is the question of whether recent electoral reform is a face-saving device to placate Western critics or a manifestation of the white community's desire to moderate its racist policies.

Whites voted overwhelmingly in favour of the referendum to ratify the proposed changes. This might indicate some desire for change. Yet the new tri-cameral legislature is obviously a token reform which gives little real power to Asian and coloureds although excluding blacks from the political ring. In fact, Prime Minister Botha now holds more personal power



than prior to the referendum. However, many white

liberals, although conscious of the probable uselessness of this tokenism, voted for it in the hope that it would lead to significant reform later.

The 'no vote' was ironically split between odd bedfellows — reactionary conservatives against any non-white political representation, and liberals who refused to endorse legislation which would divide non-whites and contained little real change.

Probably the greatest evil of the new reforms is they create divisions between the non-white racial groups, destroying the carefully developed, united

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## ...nicaraguan elections

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Francine Fournier, member of a six-person Canadian Church and Human Rights delegation co-sponsored by the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America, La Ligue des Droits et Libertés, and the Canadian Council on International Cooperation, urged Canada to immediately:

- establish a Canadian Embassy in Managua, the capital of Nicaragua,
- to support the Contadora (Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama) regional peace treaty which Nicaragua has signed and the U.S. has not.
- to increase all forms of aid and encourage an expansion of Canadian trade with Nicaragua, and
- to put pressure on President Reagan to peacefully negotiate with the Sandinistas.

While repeatedly warning of an imminent U.S. invasion of Nicaragua, Fournier emphasized the legitimacy and

democratic procedure of the elections, saying they met "the highest international standards."

The delegation's summary report on the Nicaraguan elections is at odds with Reagan's claim that the elections were a "farce."

The Reagan administration has held that the elections were "undemocratic" and "illegitimate" and have used this to further justify their arguments for U.S. military and economic intervention in Nicaragua.

The summary report states "there is no margin of doubt that, on historical, social and now electoral grounds, the Sandinista Front (FSLN) has emerged as the legitimate ruling party of Nicaragua."

Spending ten days in Nicaragua observing the electoral process, the group concluded:

- "people participated democratically in the electoral

process, with nearly one third voting for parties other than the FSLN;

- opposition parties, representing political options very distinct from the FSLN, freely expressed their criticism."

Fournier said the voting was "normal, orderly and free of irregularities," and, "despite rumours, there was no evidence of fear or manipulation," she added.

The delegation believes that the three-party opposition coalition (Coordinadora) never intended to participate, "rather to frustrate the electoral process and reduce the legitimacy of the newly-elected government."

As well, the delegation wrote in their summary report that they "could find nothing in the electoral process itself which would dissuade parties seeking a fair climate from participating."

The opposition was encouraging Nicaraguans to boycott the elections, and although voting is voluntary, it is illegal to encourage or promote abstention.

The delegation said the abstention campaign was "an important tactic in the non-participating opposition's strategy," which included, according to the report, "the spreading of intimidating rumours that people's votes would not... remain secret."

This claim, also articulated by the Reagan administration, is false according to the delegation's findings. "Our observations demonstrated conclusively that secrecy was not violated."

Despite the opposition's boycott campaign, 78 per cent of registered Nicaraguan voters cast ballots. The Sandinista's won with 67 per cent of the popular vote in an election contested by six opposition parties who collectively won 33 per cent of the vote.

## Who stole the quilt?

by Tania Luhde

A quilt belonging to the Women's Centennial Committee was stolen from a display at Royal Victoria College (RVC) last Thursday.

The Women's Associates of McGill recently presented the Centennial Committee with the hand-made red and white quilt as part of the celebration of centenary of the admission of women to McGill.

The RVC night porter heard the quilt being ripped off its frame by two young men and tried to stop them, but they pushed him aside, and got away with it and an antique chair, breaking a window in the process.

According to some members of the Centennial Committee

who did not wish to be identified, the theft may be part of a disturbing trend of belittling what and whom the Centennial Committee is celebrating.

From the obscene phone calls being received by the Centennial Committee, to the Plumbers' Pot cover titled "100 Years of Women at McGill—You've Come a Long Way, Ladies" with the photo of a semi-naked stripper, there seems to be an ugly feeling on campus about the cause of the celebrations. Committee members mentioned that they are especially distressed not only that such resentment exists, but that those responsible are so overt about it.

The quilt, an integral part of

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## CONRAD'S EARS

Sick of walking, hitch-hiking, getting taxed or otherwise getting to school. McGill students might consider their own version of Concordia's recently-formed **Mad As Hell Society**.

The society, started by three Concordia students, **Maureen Pendergast, Debra Day and Melanie Grout** is dedicated to ending — you guessed it — the bus strike. But how? Mad As Hell proposes that every time you ride the essential services of the MUCTC, pay a reasonable price — a nickel instead of the full fare of 85 cents.

"Since we're not getting full service at the moment we actually don't find their service is worth a nickel, but we're willing to give them the benefit of the doubt," Pendergast told my ears. She says the idea is to put pressure both on management of the MUCTC and the bus drivers union to negotiate. I sniffed for a while and found an interesting fact for any potential Mad As Hellers. With their current essential services-only operation, (that means everybody rides the buses and metro weekdays only morning, rush hour, or late at night), the MUCTC is actually making money out of the strike. They save because the costs of operating the equipment is dramatically reduced. Holy dirty swindle public transportation users!

Enjoying the new pizza at **Gertrudes**? Nibbling it in all its textured, spicy, defrosted divinity? Chewing the delectable crust with rapturous tomato-flavored delight? Well then you can only be a hydraulically powered **Massey Ferguson** Steam shovel. Vroom Vroom, scrape scrape. The **McGill Debating Union** is considering a public debate with a resolution as follows: "The pizza in Gertrudes is edible." According to sources within the union, they're having difficulty getting members to debate this particular resolution.

I've got rumours in my ears. I've heard whispers that McGill Principal **David Johnston** took somebody special for dinner last week. That somebody may just so happen to be Canada's very own slimy megalomaniac intellectual, **Pierre Trudeau**. The whispers say Trudeau may be considering a job in **McGill's Law Faculty**. By the way Trudeau has never practiced law in his life and is not practicing it now. Those who can't do...

Who is that appearing in McGill's latest political play about misery, alienation, sociopathic behaviour, and baby killing? It's none other than Canada's matron of the ice-hockey rink, **Geraldine Doucet**. Doucet plays the role of the murdered baby's grandmother in **Players Theatre's** coming production of "Saved" by Edward Bond. The play is directed by **Douglas McDowall** and includes McGill actors **Richard Bauer, Robert Scott and Robyn Cowie**. Saved opens November 21st. Last time Saved was performed at McGill, in 1969, audience members were so shocked by it, they threw things on the stage and walked out.

Shocking exposé. Devious criminals are eroding the basis of everything this society stands for. I've received reports that McGill students have been illegally connecting themselves to cable so they can receive **Radio McGill**. These morally bankrupt villains first locate their cable attachments which exist in most houses and apartments, then they venture into Radio Shack like any ordinary citizen and buy something called a "splitter", cheap. They attach the device to the cable FM input on their receiver and attach their FM antenna. The monsters snicker to themselves and tune their dial to 91.7 CFRM Radio McGill. It's preposterous. Don't you ever, ever, ever, do that.

Intrigue. The Cyclical Review of the English Department was finished and sources close to my ears say its nasty stuff. Included in top secret report is heavy duty criticism of the academic work done in English plus general questioning of the quality of education for English students. The sinister fact that just a few people in the English department have published anything in a good while is said to appear. The report is secret but you might be able to get your hands on it. It's certainly worth a perusal or two and if you happen to have a copy my ears are always eager.

By the wayside, my ears have moved out to the bulletin board outside the Daily Office (Union basement B03). Now you can drop off your submissions quite invisibly and nobody, including me, will know the difference.

Albert Nerenberg



# DAILY COMMENT

U.S. aids broaden warnings to Nicaragua. (New York Times)  
Threat U.S. will invade Nicaragua grows. (The Montreal Gazette.)  
Rumours sustain fears of Nicaraguan invasion. (The Globe and Mail).

Over the last few months, one thing has been relatively consistent in the commercial media's portrayal of the tension building between the U.S. and Nicaraguan government: a cold-war clash of interests. Last Wednesday, an uncanny event occurred in the North America media.

When the U.S. State department announced they had discovered crates containing MiG fighter jets on a Soviet boat docked at a Nicaragua port, they almost attacked Nicaragua that instant, at least that was how the story went across the T.V everywhere. And a strange process began in newsrooms across North America.

At that moment the entire logic of the conflict was inverted. Why hadn't the U.S. invaded? We may still be asking that question. The media reported as usual.

But the "new" logic opened up a new road. MiG was the unjustified justification and more. It was a total U.S. invasion, which it turned out, didn't happen. Yet.

Although there is no conclusive proof Nicaragua had MiGs, the MiG story prompted major network news coverage, and by Thursday, it was not "will the U.S. invade?" but "can the U.S. not invade? For the State Department public relations men, it was mission accomplished. They skipped any real justification, the kind you would expect to explain the death, damage and suffering on both sides that would accompany a massive military invasion of another country. Instead we can only debate to the ultimate conclusion: "do those boxes really contain MiG jets, because if they do, Bam!... I'm sorry we didn't have any choice."

Lets say the boxes are full of MiGs raring to go. The Nicaraguan Army would now possess the following "attack" capabilities:

- According to the Globe and Mail MiGs are slow by modern standards, prone to engine problems and are over twenty-five years old.

- the Globe and Mail also says MiG's are unlikely to tip the balance against neighboring Honduras alone. Nicaragua has the weakest air-force in the region.

Lets say those boxes don't have MiGs. That's easy. MiG-evidence relies completely on the questionable credentials of the State department's "Cratologists"(people who analyze the behaviour of crates.)

What the State department has manufactured, is a political climate, a simple ideological foundation, and most of all a feeling. The true magnificence of what they've done doesn't just exist here and now. It extends into the future, after the invasion. We have already been prepared to accept an invasion before it even happens.

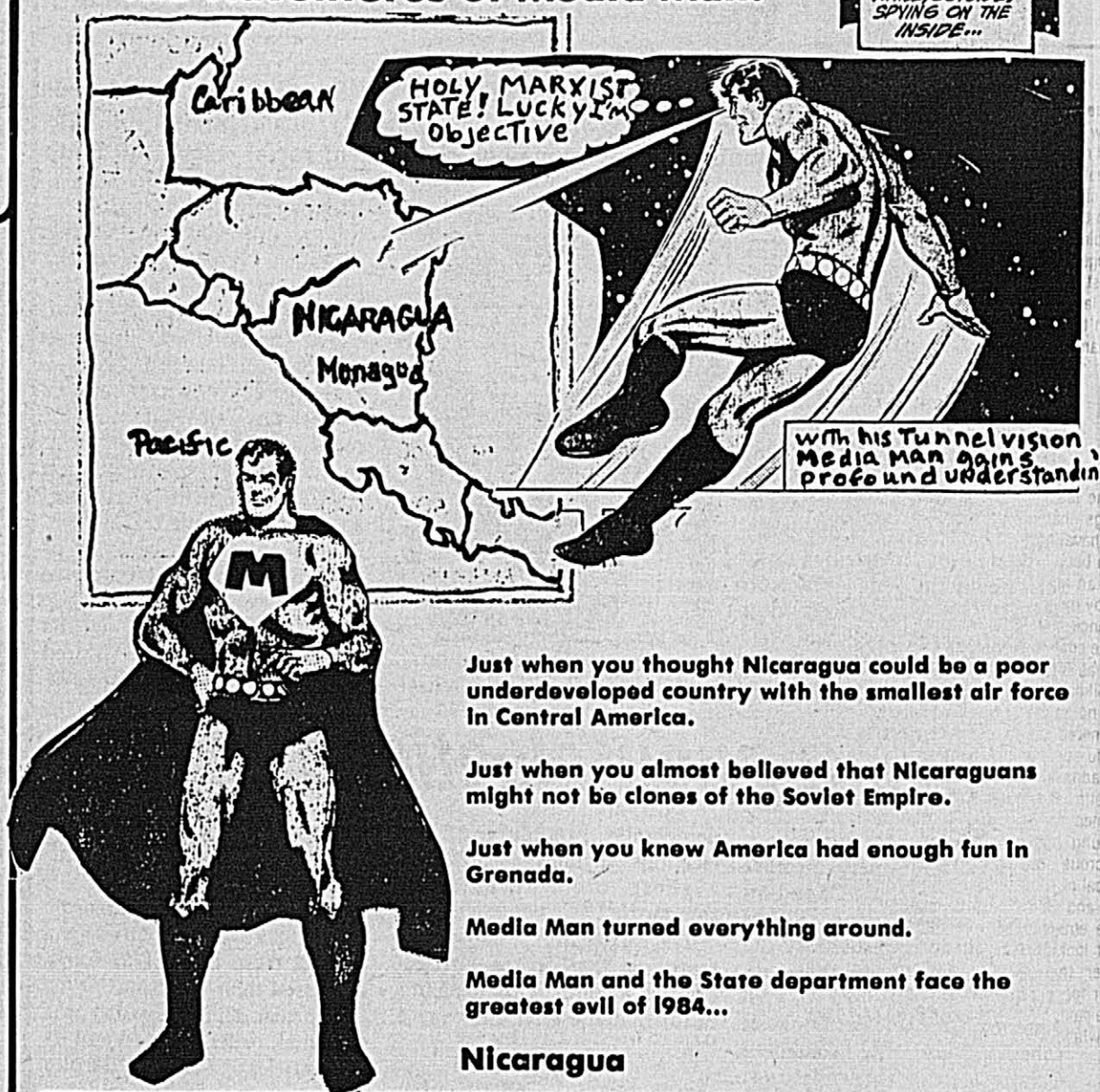
But the State department couldn't have done it on there own. They invited the New York Times, Canadian Press, ABC, NBC, and CBS, to the invasion.

The circle is complete. And now the State department, can now turn to the media and remark: "thanks for the invitation."

Albert Nerenberg

Melinda Wittstock

## The Adventures of Media Man.



Nicaragua

## HYDE PARK

The Women's Union...yes, by now I'm sure you have all at least heard mention of it. Because of recent controversy and the likelihood that you shall continue to hear about it in the future, I would like to clear up a few misconceptions about the the organization.

No, we do not sell "bulk" contraceptives as I overheard one young lady remark. Ten thousand condoms may make you feel extra safe, but if you attempt to test them all there is not much we can do for you. What the Birth Control Co-op does do is sell certain forms of contraceptives at a "wholesale" price. As well, it offers an informal counselling and information service for whomever wishes to take advantage of it. If you are interested, please come up to Room 423 to obtain more information.

Another attitude I have frequently heard expressed is that people are not interested in becoming involved with the Union because the members are all too radical, or because the members are all militant feminists or worse yet, because they are all...(egad!) LESBIANS.

I find it amusing or perhaps to be more truthful, sad when so many people say this. My automatic response is to ask if they have been up in the office or attended a meeting. Nine times out of ten the answer is no. I must acknowledge the presence of all types of women in the membership, but are we not all individuals and is into nor reasonable to expect that within any group there exist individuals with views or beliefs different or in opposition to your own? As I am new to this campus, I am not completely familiar with the past of the McGill Women's Union, but as far as I can see, it is not more radical than any other women's group. Also, as with any other club, its membership changes yearly and if someone does want to participate but is feeling skeptical for the aforementioned reasons, I would point out the adage that "an organization cannot be changed from the outside." Get involved!

In regard to the latest decision made by the Women's Union to maintain their constitution and not give men voting rights, I would like to write just a few words. I have a particular interest in this issue because at the time that the vote to deny men the right to vote in the Women's Union was taken, I was the sole dissenting voter (there was also one abstention) and thereby the only woman present wanting to make men full members. Because of a number of ironic circumstances and thought-provoking conversations this past week, I too would now have to maintain the position of the overwhelming majority, much to the chagrin of most of my male companions.

The Union is there for women; to serve them and to have its directions guided by them. We encourage men to attend our meetings or events, but in a supportive capacity, not in one which would have them directing OUR Union. Which is

what it is. A Women's Union. For women. By women. This does not, by any stretch of the imagination, mean that we are men-haters or harbour paranoid delusions, but it does mean that we want our group to be run by ourselves. Men have opinions that we may agree or disagree with, opinions that are legitimate, important and necessary and opinions that we would like to hear, but ultimately, this organization must be run by women. An organization which attempts to eliminate different forms of discrimination against women by men and which strives to improve the general condition of the lives of women both on campus and beyond it, would find itself in a contradictory position by giving men an opportunity to control its decision. I hope those of you reading this article will at least give this argument some thought before formulating your own.

Take advantage of the services available or simply come up to Room 423 to find out more about the Women's Union.

Suzanne Mehmet  
Member of the Co-ordinating Committee  
of the Women's Union

The Philips/Micom has resurfaced and has once again become the conversation piece among all McGill Engineering students. The great interest displayed is due to an agreement between Philips, Cooperative de la Polytechnique (COOPO-LY), and Coalition des Facultés d'Ingenierie du Québec (COFIQ) which permits all engineering student in Québec to obtain the computer at a 60 per cent reduction in price.

After an anxious wait of two months, measures were taken by the organizing body to initiate the sales of the Philips PC-3100 microcomputer at McGill. Computer sales which started on November 5 have stabilized after the initial surge of eager engineering students. Extremely good prices are also available on peripherals and accessories for all students through the McGill Engineering Computer Society (MECOS), although the computers are available only for engineering students. MECOS operates out of room BB-20 in Frank Dawson Adams Bldg from 13h00 to 17h00. MECOS is the recently established society which is heading the computer sales operations. The profits generated from the sales of computers and peripherals will be utilized to establish a McGill Engineering Cooperative. The Coop's objective will be to provide educational services at the lowest possible prices through the centralization of the student's purchasing power.

As for the government loan to the students to purchase computers, a decision will be made in the near future. However, even if the loan is approved, it is not expected to take effect before January. All support for the loan and any comments will be greatly appreciated by MECOS.

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## LETTERS

## Gandhi despised

To the Daily:

I view the current ethnic strife in India with great regret. Indira Gandhi was despised by a great many Hindus of low caste and class, and she instigated far more violence upon them than the British, Moslems, and Sikhs combined. I feel that much positive social change could have resulted if the current unrest was instead directed towards effective land reform. It is too bad that she wasn't shot by an "untouchable" Hindu woman.

Shawn Kabatoff  
U3 Anthropology

Aislin is  
accurate?

To the Daily:

In this brief letter I wish to address some of the issues raised in the article 'Gazette brings hatred to your door' by Leela MadhavaRau.

To begin with, the Aislin editorial cartoon was an accurate reflection of the revulsion felt by most Canadians towards the extreme violence and intolerance displayed by certain elements of the Sikh community. It did not, as MadhavaRau suggested, imply that all Sikhs belong to these groups, and thus was not racist. It was flawed though, in that it ignored the excesses of elements in the Hindu community.

MadhavaRau also suggested that the Gazette and other Canadian newspapers seemed to be trying to promote division among Indians. This is no more than a ludicrous attempt at scapegoating, so typical of recent Indian mob politics. If Hindus and Sikhs wish to heal the rifts that have emerged between them, they should start looking into themselves for solutions rather than blaming outsiders and each other for their troubles. As one wise Indian once said, "An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind."

Rob Hanks  
Arts U3

To the Daily:

A very peculiar letter was published in the November 1 issue of the Daily signed by a Turkish gentleman, Cemal Erran, regarding the "Midnight Express" movie. Mr. Erran makes a number of comments about the film and its objects which make me wonder if he was dozing off when Billy Hayes was explaining the theme of the film and his concept of the Turkish people.

Mr. Erran states that "this racist anti-human film is to condemn and insult all Turkish people." I disagree. Midnight Express does not condemn the Turkish people, but the Turkish prison conditions, the legal system of that country and ultimately the Turkish government. The very fact that 90% of the movie takes place inside prison proves that it is about the prison life in Turkey and not the Turkish people. Billy Hayes made this fact very clear when he stated that the purpose of this film is to show the inhuman conditions of prison life in Turkey, not to provoke hatred against an entire race.

Another interesting concept is put forward by Mr. Erran in his letter; he writes, "Nobody kills you without for no reason, even mentally sick people have their own reason." A very correct statement, but what about the validity of the reason? The Turkish government, for example, had many reasons (such as greed, racism, religion, imperialism...) to massacre two million Christians at the beginning of the century. Were they justified to do so because they have reasons?

No, Mr. Erran, Midnight Express is not a racist movie because it does not condemn the Turkish people but justifiably shows the ugliness of the Turkish government through its institutions which had in the past, and have presently, nothing to be admired or praised. They were, and are, full of corruption and violence.

Condemning a vicious government is not racism, Mr. Erran!

R. Razmik  
Arts U1

To the Daily:

During the unfortunate power failure on Monday October 29, many McGill libraries faced a difficult situation. I am sure that many students were disrupted in their studies and deprived of much needed ser-



Increase in  
racist graffiti

To the Daily:

I would like to put aside the pseudo-racism arguments (racism pseudo-arguments?) brought against Billy Hayes ("Midnight Express") recently and ask you to deal with a more clearly defined problem. In the past few weeks I have noticed an increasing amount of anti-semitic graffiti, among other types, on the bathroom walls of several buildings. Up until now, I thought such things only appeared in areas where the population is relatively ignorant and uneducated. I now, of course, realize that

one can be somewhat educated, assuming these graffitiists were "intelligent" enough to get into McGill in the first place, and still be ignorant. However, this letter has a more useful purpose than retaliation. I am, in fact, writing to increase awareness of a problem that should not exist anywhere, least of all in an university. Upon relating my experience to a friend, he remarked, "That happens everywhere," to which I replied, "Nowhere is it a worse crime than in places where nothing is done about it."

Nigel Spier  
U2 Biology

To the Daily:

With reference to my letter to the Daily editorial ("Don't make me pay", Oct. 9), I would like to make the following comments.

First of all, the final printed form of my letter which read "I find it hypocritical that my right to the Daily is denied", should have read "I find it hypocritical that my right not to subscribe to the Daily is denied."

Secondly, though every McGill student has the right to join the Daily, it did not answer to the issue that I, a McGill student, am inundated with campus newspapers of which one of them, The McGill Daily, provides me with nothing. This is because both the McGill Reporter and the Tribune adequately provide me with enough information on the issues that affect my life at McGill.

Also, the Daily, trying to be a politically influential paper, presents an opinion that is quite different from mine. Yet by supporting the Daily, I am associated with such an opinion.

Therefore, all I am saying is since I respect the Daily's right to its freedom of expression in the press, that my right to choose not to renew my subscription to the Daily be equally respected.

Thank you.

Ben Balevi  
Dentistry U2

The Daily regrets the error.

Stewart Not Jailed  
to have a good time

To the Daily:

I read with dismay the story of the forthcoming transfer of of 'Squamish 5' Terrorist Douglas Stewart to a B.C. jail. (Daily, Nov. 1) One of the reasons for which Stewart was transferred to Archambault prison was to block communication of his ideas of destruction and mayhem among other inmates. We must not forget that Stewart was sentenced to prison to punish him for his violent acts. In committing these illegal acts, he surrendered his right of freedom to society, which must take the steps necessary to punish him. When transferring this right to the Canadian prison system, Stewart also gave up his right to decide where he would be located to serve his sentence. If being in Archambault means he will be punished further, so be it. If Stewart wishes to spread his hate of our society, he can just try to become a true Canadian and learn to speak French.

Stewart was not jailed so that he could have a good time at the expense of taxpayers; he had enough of that at the expense of British Columbian electricity users. The majority of Canadians, myself included, are tired of seeing our prison system bending over backwards to accommodate prisoner's ever wishes. The Canadian people must never accede to terrorist threats and demands of hunger strikers — let them starve. When they wish to talk rationally in this rational country, then we will listen.

Who's in charge; the Government or the criminals? I'm afraid that Solicitor General Elmer MacKay's decision has shown that the power is in the hands of the latter.

Michael Avdine  
U1, Arts

Unpeople  
hilariously biased

To the Daily:

Congratulations on yet another all-time low, for your hilariously biased, "Un-People," issue of the 29th of October. It has never ceased to amaze me how you 'peace-lovin' folks downthere at the Daily Rag, pump out this prejudiced crap at the rate that you do.

Never mind that you make the North Atlantic Alliance out to be a war-mongering bunch of hoodlums whenever you can get your hands on a typesetting machine, but never, and I mean never, have I ever heard any criticism of our neighbours to the Far East; yes boys and girls I'm talking about the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Nobody is saying that NATO is perfect. However, it takes two to tango, and I wish to hell you would start printing with a bit more objectivity.

Danny Faughnan  
U1, Arts

## OUR DAILY SLASH

On a subject as this I know it's hard not to condemn if you believe something is wrong. Nor is it hard to create an imbalance which would lead the reader to believe in compromise — democracy's greatness. Do you, in fact, believe in democracy? Have you lost all hope in the democratic system? Is there indeed too little compromise in our society so that we are left with merely the possibility of it? These are serious questions. There are few absolute answers in a democracy; one is that people's beliefs are sacred and with this democracy attempts compromise.

People are smarter than you think. They happen to cherish democracy so don't hand them a narrow absolutist critique and solution along with a narrow process of handling it over. The Daily and the McGill Magazine are similar in this way: different solutions, same narrow attitudes and techniques. It just doesn't matter if it is right or wrong if you don't rise above absolutist views. If one stays narrow they are just as bad as the rest. Sure people are more likely to grasp on

to a narrow rightist view than a narrow leftist view, but this is North America and that's that's the tradition. The McGill Magazine can afford to be narrow because of that, you cannot. They pull people in by the right and hit them over the head with the right in succession. You do the same but with the left. This is of course a generalization but people perceive The Daily to be a narrow leftist newspaper — you are just asking for a reaction and you got one last year. Stop this push-pull type of progress, rise above it (you too McGill Magazine); there is truth in many philosophies, not just one. The time has come for you to respect people's beliefs, otherwise you've lost your reader from the first sentence — people don't often flock to a different version of "the truth".

People here love democracy — it's a compromise between strongly felt beliefs. A politician may search for truth but democracy strives only for balance. A newspaper that believes in democracy has a

responsibility to do the same, or it becomes a philosophy paper. I can understand your worries but an imbalanced, uncompromising newspaper continually following one train of thought as though it contains all the answers to the past, present and future is surely out of line with the democratic essence. Mix things up a bit — who would deny there is truth in both philosophies? Indeed, our society and our self contain bits of both. The bottom line is: in being narrow you do not distinguish yourself from most other philosophies. Don't tell people one narrow thing. Present both sides, or better, see the truth in each and the falsity in each — but stress that is only your opinion. In doing so you are being more truthful and more compromising; for truth is often held merely by the power of one's belief, and this you must respect in our democratic society.

Chris Gutkind  
U2 Arts

When you suggest that allegations have been made without evidence, it is obvious that you ought to be extremely careful about the evidence you use in support of your own arguments. It is a pity that Mr. Arroyo, in his article "Fidel's cancer really a wart", has failed to grasp this rather simple rule of rhetorical self-defense.

Mr. Arroyo characterizes the film *Improper Conduct* as "an anti-Castro film disguised as an exposé of the treatment of gays in Cuba", and argues that the producers "feed into the present Reagan administration's current of anti-Cuban sentiment...". As someone who has not seen the film I cannot say whether or not this is the case. As a gay-leftist I wouldn't disagree with the rejection of such aims. At the same time, I find myself in profound disagreement with the manner in which he has presented his case.

Mr. Arroyo has sought to defend Cuba from the slander, misrepresentations, and deliberate distortions of history employed by the Reaganites. Was it necessary for him to employ exactly the same devices?

Historical distortion seems to be one of the primary tools of Mr. Arroyo's argument by analogy. His contention that "German Marxists of the 1920s were the first to fight for legislation to redress gay oppression" is patently false. Although the DKP did involve

itself with the struggle against gay oppression during that period, it was very much an opportunistic riding on the coat-tails of the non-Marxist wing of the German Social-Democrats (who had been actively opposing the oppression of gays in Germany since the 1890s). He also fails to point out that the DKP, even before the party was defeated by Hitler, adopted the Stalinist line and repudiated its stance in support of gay rights. His assertion that the DDR legalized homosexual acts in 1968 is likewise completely off-base. When the DDR was established, pre-existing legislation against homosexual acts was eliminated as part of a general process de-Nazification. This does not, however, mean that such acts are sanctioned in the DDR. Mr. Arroyo has confused decriminalization with legalization. State-sanctioned actions in the DDR directed against gays attempting to organize themselves indicates that homosexuality has been anything but "legalized" there.

That the DDR, along with Czechoslovakia, does not have anti-gay legislation on the books leads Mr. Arroyo to observe that the makers of the film should have compared Cuba's treatment of gays with that of other "socialist" countries. Perhaps they should have, the USSR, the People's Republic of China, Albania, Mozambique, Hungary. Bastions of gay freedom to be sure. Mr. Arroyo's conception of socialist states, as in-

dictated by the examples he has employed in his article, has them sharing two distinguishing features; the suppression of the non-Marxist left and a Stalinist legacy of rabid homophobia.

Perhaps therein lies the crux of my complaint with Mr. Arroyo's article (and argument). He is attempting to defend the Stalinist left from the Reaganite right. Why bother. Instead of misrepresenting facts to suit his theory, perhaps he should rework his theory.

By defending the Stalinist legacy, Mr. Arroyo has done the entire left a disservice. The right has always tried to discredit the left by bringing up Stalin and his abuses. Instead of knee-jerk reactions to Sontag's remark, try picturing what is really being said. Not one to be overly attentive to distinctions on the left she has failed to modify a noun. Reread her remarks and insert the word *Stalinist* before the word *left*. I think you would find her statement anything but idiotic.

José, you seem to have missed the obvious. Not all gays support the left, and not all the leftists support gay rights. In light of such, both should come in for a great deal of criticism. Knee-jerk defense of either community only discredits them (us).

Colin Tomlins,  
President of Gay McGill  
(1981-1982)



## ...cyclical review

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appointing professors and providing lab facilities for the School, while the Faculty of Science is responsible for offering the courses, organising the degree programs, and controlling class sizes.

The APPC concluded that as the present structure has "diffused responsibility" for computer science to "the detriment of some programs", full jurisdiction should be given to the Faculty of Engineering.

Also, the APPC has recommended that the "Department" of Computer Science be given "a major infusion of capital equipment funding to acquire appropriate computing laboratory facilities" and permission to recruit three extra staff members.

The APPC recommendations did not take into account the conclusions of two members of the Cyclical Review Committee. Professor W. Brown, author

of the Minority Report wrote, "We are not an engineering department... our current place in Engineering does not make sense... The development of our academic programs has not been encouraged in any way by the Faculty (of Engineering)", said Newborn in the March 23rd letter to Freedman.

## ...quilt

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the celebrations, is important to many individuals as a symbol as well as a piece of art. To date, no "ransom note" or other information about it has been received. A reward is being offered for its return. Anyone with information is asked to call 392-4982.

## ... computer science

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the School," he said. The Cyclical Review Report which was presented to the APPC identified problems such as overcrowded classes, inadequate

equipment and facilities, lack of professorial expertise in the applied areas of computer science, and isolation from both industry and other departments in the university.

## ...tuition hike

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The universities will not say how high they believe such an increase should be. But "to make a contribution to university budgets, the increase would have to be reasonably substantial," said McGill vice-principal John Armour.

"It (tuition fees) is the only area in society which has remained virtually unchanged — it's pretty hard to justify (not hiking fees)," said Ken Whittingham, a public relations officer from Concordia. "(A fee hike) is inevitable. It's happened everywhere else in Canada."

A provincial commission in Québec City is currently accepting briefs from universities on ways to improve funding. In a November 1 press release summarizing its brief, McGill recommended "no change in tuition fees for all Canadian students."

However, Armour said this means McGill opposes higher fees specifically for non-Québec students, but does not oppose

an overall increase on fees.

"If the only way to improve funding to the universities would be increased tuition fees, then we would support an increase," he said.

In 1969, students paid 25% of the cost of their education. Now, the same fee accounts for only 9% of the cost.

The universities said an increase in tuition fees must be tied to an increase in student aid. Armour speculated the additional money would go 60% to universities and 40% to the provincial loans and bursaries programme.

## EVENTS

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Savoy Society practice for all chorus members tonight at 19h00, Union 302. Be there or be cursed!

Herpes. Groups are being formed at the CLSC on Peel Street for people with genital herpes. Information and an opportunity to discuss personal problems related to having the disease will be provided. Call Lise Laporte at 842-8576.

Gays and Lesbians of McGill Communications Workshop: Come learn more about yourself and others. A structured and fascinating two and a half hour experience. Everyone welcome. Union 425, 18h30.

Gays and Lesbians of McGill X-Mas Dance Committee meeting in the office Union 417 from 18h00-18h30. Bring your ideas!

Women's Centennial recital: Margaret Kalil, soprano, and Janet Schmalfeldt, piano, with Mark Simons, clarinet. Pollack Hall, 8pm.

String recital Lyssa Fergus, cello and David Langstroth, bass, Recital Hall, 4pm.

### TUESDAY

Labas Visi Lietuviai! The Lithuania Club will be holding its first meeting ever on Tuesday, at 15h30 in the Union Ballroom. All members plus anyone willing to join our club should be there. Sudiev!

Liberal McGill General meeting. Leacock 517, 17h00. Player's Theatre presents "Campus", a McGill improv. soap opera, Union Building 3rd Floor, Admission 99¢. 17h15-18h15.

Oxfam McGill Meeting at 20h00-21h00 Union Room 302.

McGill Outing Club presents Peter Habeler at 20h00 in Lea. 132. Advance tickets now on sale in office Room 411 (Students \$4, Public \$5). In 1978 Habeler and Reinhold Messner became the first team to climb Mt. Everest without oxygen.

Alsec McGill is hosting a seminar on Financial planning at 15h00, on Union 425-6. For more information call 392-8903.

McGill Squash Club Club night from 19h00-21h00, Après squash afterwards. Celebration of "La Messe Québécoise" at McGill's University Chapel, Birks building. 12 Noon, phone 392-5890.

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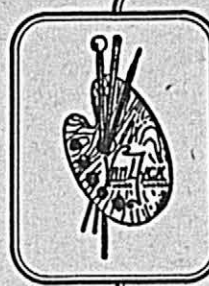
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## Sports Shorts

### CCSS RECOMMENDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF 'BIG FOUR' PROPOSAL

After a lengthy meeting last Thursday the Coördinating Committee of Student Services (CCSS) passed a resolution recommending further study of the 'political implications' of the proposed creation of an elite athletic conference.

The athletic directors of four schools sharing long-standing sport rivalries (McGill, Queen's, the University of Toronto and Western) have been planning the birth of a '401' league for almost a year now. Only in the last two weeks, however, has the proposal been put before each school's student-faculty administration senates.

"It's unfortunate — time is of the essence," said a disappointed Bob Dubeau, McGill's athletic director. "By not having this thing approved by 85/86 we may miss out on our only opportunity — the Ontario schools may be able to straighten themselves out by then."

The other three schools involved in the formation of an elite league have not had the proposal approved yet either. U of T's senate will examine the proposal this week, Queen's will decide in two weeks and Western, although they have already approved the idea in principle, will only finalise it once an investigative committee created by their Dean of Students has reported back to them in April of next year.

McGill's CCSS recommended that a new sub-committee be created to investigate the proposal's implications to be heard at their next meeting to be held in the final week of November at Macdonald College.

### HOCKEY REDMEN REMAIN UNBEATEN

Netminder Stephane Fortin turned aside 20 shots as the Redmen hockey team shutout the UQTR 'Patriotes' 3-0 in the tribe's home opener last Tuesday.

It marked the 1st McGill shutout in 9 years and only their 2nd since the QUAA was formed in 71-72. The tribe have had only 7 shutouts since 1957.

The game was marred by 210 minutes in penalties (99 to McGill) as numerous fights broke out. A total of 9 players were ejected; 8 of them have been suspended.

Most of the suspensions however, were assessed automatically due to poor calls by referee Paul Cordick. 5 of the 9 players were given fighting majors and subsequent game misconducts for 'being in a 2nd fight during the same stoppage'. This interpretation carries an automatic 2 game suspension.

The QUAA disciplinary committee will review McGill's tapes of the incident in the hopes of finding enough evidence to eradicate the suspensions.

"That ref is the worst one in the league" said Concordia coach Paul Arseneault, who was seen scouting a Redmen game for only the second time in 6 years. His Stingers are currently in last place with a 1-3 record.

McGill has lost Dave Pretty and Kelly Hubbard for 2 games, and Captain David Ducharme for 3 games. Ducharme had gone in to help defenceman Mike Babcock, and was ejected for being the 3rd man in.

On a brighter note, McGill is still the only undefeated team (3-0) in the QUAA. They trail 1st place UQAC by 2 points with 3 games in hand.

**MINDBLASTERS:** Mark Reade, Mike Bean and Alain Robichaud scored the tribe goals...The game's 3 Stars were Fortin, Bean and André Martin...Babcock was presented with a plaque for winning the first segment of the monthly Molson Cup award...He continues to lead the team scoring race (7-9-16) going into weekend games at Yale and Brown (Nov 9-10).

(by Earl Zukerman)

**COMING UP: SPORTS SHORTS** will have highlights from the actual detailed documented proposal the athletic directors of the four universities assembled in their last meeting in Toronto...Thursday a report will appear here on this past weekend's Redmen Invitational Basketball Tournament involving McGill, U.P.E.I., Bishop's, and St. Thomas College of New York.

Howard Lando

Huddleston will speak at McGill

## S Africa: Illusions of reform

by Leela MadhavaRau

*"Today, Africa is a continent of sovereign states, independent and reaching out to the fullness of freedom. Only two countries still await liberation, Namibia and South Africa. The work of the Anti-Apartheid Movement remains to be completed in that part of Africa dominated by apartheid itself."*

Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, president of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM), made this statement during the AAM's twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations earlier this year. In the same speech he continued, *"The West has shown, and is showing, an appalling indifference to the massive aggression against the front line states and to the policy of destabilisation so effectively used by South Africa. The so-called accord between South Africa and Mozambique and the pressure now being exerted against Lesotho, Angola, and Zimbabwe, all illustrate the lack of political will on the part of the West."*

Archbishop Huddleston will be speaking at McGill this Wednesday on the topic, "The Church and South Africa", a topic of personal knowledge after his years spent as a bishop in South Africa. He is probably best known as one of the teachers of 1984 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa.

Lord Fenner Brockway, at 95 one of Britain's oldest and most respected anti-racist campaigners, met a delegation of blacks in London in 1919, and found "to my astonishment and incredulity the Act of Union (incorporation of what now forms the Republic of South Africa by the British) being passed in South Africa was not the act of liberal generosity that the Liberal and Labour movement in Britain thought it to be."

Forty years later, Brockway asked, "Are you on the side of the world which is moving towards human co-operation and equality? Or are you in favour of South Africa (minority white South Africa) which

Canada. These countries, along with many multinational corporations, have set up branch plants of their industries in South Africa — where black workers need not receive minimum wage, or any social security benefits. Canadian corporations involved include Carling O'Keefe, Rothmans, Alcan, and Falconbridge Mines.

tion the United Democratic Front (UDF). Widespread rioting was met by a crack down in security. The less than 30 per cent voter turn out gave credence to UDF claims that few non-white South Africans wished to participate in this parliamentary system. All coloureds and Indians are, by the same declaration that grants



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In recent months South Africa has launched a public campaign to clean up its image. The peace treaties signed with Mozambique, while apparently a sign of good will, in fact eliminate the possibility of the leading national liberation group, the African National Congress, using Mozambique as a launching base or a training camp for guerillas.

In August elections were held to fill a new tri-cameral legislature in which coloureds (mixed race) and Indians may hold seats. However, the ratio remains heavily weighted in favour of the minority white population. Boycotts were called for by the umbrella organisa-

them voting rights, made eligible for service in the armed forces.

The campaign within South Africa to boycott the elections gained world wide attention with the support of anti-apartheid forces elsewhere. At the close of voting, few believed that the elections were any more than token gestures to pacify South Africa's source of financial assistance — the West.

Although Canadian anti-apartheid groups are not yet able to mobilize 200,000 people to demonstrate as the AAM did in Britain this summer, the groups are slowly beginning to enter into the Canadian political scene.

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front against the white government.

Some view the elections as the desire of the white community to close ranks against the black majority by drawing the coloureds and Asians into the white laager.

It is unlikely that any steps will be taken toward a transfer to majority rule — the only system which could satisfy the regime's critics. However, it is possible that some low-key dismantling of the most obvious aspects of the apartheid system will continue.

The recent desegregation of restaurants, clubs and certain public services, signals that the government is willing to dismantle some of its more embarrassing excesses.

These attempts at window-dressing do not, however, redeem the fundamental abuses of the apartheid system — racial segregation, systematic persecu-

tion of the regime's critics and political disenfranchisement of 73 per cent of the population.

Social change in South Africa is dependent on the degree and speed of reform acceptable to the white community. To date their initiatives in that direction are limited. Even the token electoral reforms created such a rift in the ruling *afrikaner* dominated Nationalist Party that a group of MPs decided to form their own ultra-conservative party.

Some observers feel that if reforms are accelerated, mass defection from the Nationalist party may occur.

The situation in South Africa is at the point where, unless the process of reform is begun, it may be too late and mounting internal pressure will make violent change inevitable. The writer spent the summer in South Africa where he formed the basis for the opinions expressed in this article.



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repudiates the human family by the segregation and humiliation of all those who are non-white? The choice is that simple."

The government of South Africa exists through the patronage of many Western nations, especially the United States and Britain, as well as